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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]
TOP Military Information from the Kindel Troop Training Grounds

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 10 to 27 June 1952

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 24 July 1952

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. In mid-June 1952, [REDACTED] units from Hainauer (M 52/J 92) and Weissenfels (M 52/J 97) were quartered in the Hainauer Holz hutment at the Kindel troop training grounds (M 52/H 97). [REDACTED] on 23 June, 25X1

[REDACTED] reported that it would leave the troop training grounds. [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] that at about 3 p.m. on 25 June, this unit started untraining 25X1

with about 8 to 10 busses, 12 to 15 motorcycles, about 15 sedans, 4 tank cars and

between 50 and 60 trucks including about 20 each carrying about 20 troops wearing

black-bordered crimson epaulets including some with red-bordered black epaulets,

and 2 field kitchens at the Eisenach railroad station. Motor vehicles were seen 25X1

[REDACTED] The train left at about 7:30 p.m., allegedly

toward Dessau (M 52/E 17). The troops at the troop training grounds were almost

exclusively engaged in training activity at squad and platoon level until 20 June. (1)

2. On 16 June, [REDACTED] the quarters of the troop 25X1

training grounds that fewer troops were at the troop training grounds than in 1951 as the units from Halle (M 52/D 92) were not there. [REDACTED]

that concrete shelters were under construction in the camp. (2)

3. On 14 June, a wood camp consisting of about 30 to 40 well camouflaged wall tents

sheltering personnel wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets was observed on the

Creutzberg (M 52/H 77) - Schnellmannshausen road between the Motor Kopp hill and

Schnellmannshausen. Excavation work which, according to local residents, was for a

gun mount, was noticed at the western exit of Fernbreitenbach (M 51/H 65) on

20 June.

4. On 18 June, three T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] which subsequently proceeded 25X1

to the camp in the Hainauer Holz via Durla were unloaded at the Necherstedt railroad

station east of Eisenach. On 23 June, an exercise which began at about 7 a.m. was

observed in the southwest section of the troop training grounds northeast of Melhorn

and Grossenlupnitz. The troops came from the camp in the Hainauer Holz area with

tanks, AT guns and infantry, moved to a jump-off position northeast of (unintelligible).

From there the exercise proceeded in northwestern direction, with the center of the

attack on points 303.1, 309.5 and 311.0. A total of 21 T-34/85 tanks organized into

three groups, each about 200 meters deep, and about 800 to 1,000 meters wide came as

the first wave and were followed at a distance of about 300 meters by about 600

soldiers, accompanied by about 12 motorized AT guns. The second wave was not as deep

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A third wave of riflemen followed at a distance of 100 meters. It was considerably weaker and included signal troops carrying reels. This third wave was followed closely by three small groups which [REDACTED] were head- 25X1
quarters. Medical personnel carrying stretchers followed at a distance. There were periods of rest during the exercise, and [REDACTED] but the 25X1
troops were still insufficiently trained. (3)

5. On 19 June, tank sections were unloaded from two boxcars at the Eisenach freight 25X1
station and were subsequently hauled to the troop training grounds via Grossena-
lupnitz on trucks [REDACTED]

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